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In re Application of: )  
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Peter BOEKSTEGERS )  
) Group Art Unit: 3738  
Application No.: 09/845,154 )  
) Examiner: U. Chattopadhyay  
Filed: May 1, 2001 )  
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For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR )  
DELIVERING A VENTRICULAR )  
STENT )

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Sir:

**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER-INITIATED INTERVIEW SUMMARY  
AND REQUIREMENT FOR FORMAL DRAWINGS**

In the Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary dated April 20, 2004, the Examiner writes that the Examiner and Applicant's representative also "discussed a 103(a) rejection of claims 46 and 101 by Rapacki et al., wherein the method shown in Figure 19 is modified to deliver the stent of Figure 13 to meet all the claimed steps, but the steps occurring in a different order or simultaneously. Amending claims 46 and 101 so that the placement of the guidewire through the needle has to occur after the needle is inserted through anterior and posterior walls of the coronary vessel was discussed as overcoming the rejection."

Applicant does not necessarily agree that modifying the method of Figure 19 of Rapacki et al. to deliver the stent of Figure 13 meets all of the claimed steps, and that

amending claims 46 and 101 as set forth by the Examiner is the only reason the 103(a) rejection is overcome. Each of claims 46 and 101 is patentable not only because the cited references do not disclose the aforementioned aspect, but also because the cited references do not disclose each and every aspect of each of claims 46 and 101 in combination with the other respective aspects of claims 46 and 101. To the extent that the Examiner's disagrees, Applicant invites the reopening of prosecution.

Moreover, on the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner indicated that corrected drawings need to be filed to effect changes to the drawings made in response to the drawing objection set forth in the Office Action dated May 6, 2003. Applicant respectfully notes, however, that Replacement Drawing Sheets effecting the changes to the drawings made in response to the drawing objection were submitted with the Amendment filed August 1, 2003. Accordingly, Applicant asserts that further corrected drawings do not need to be filed. If the Examiner is unable to locate the Replacement Drawing Sheets, however, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-408-4449 and a duplicate copy will be provided.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter these Comments and charge any additional required fees not otherwise provided with this filing to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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